

## Birthday Party Options

Robinson Nature Center offers both room rentals and birthday party packages that can accommodate up to 20 children and up to 40 guests total. If your party will have more than 40 guests, please speak with our Rental Coordinator about use of the auditorium. For more information, call 410-313-0400.

## Room Rentals\*

Room rentals are \$100 per hour for Howard County residents and \$125 per hour for non-residents.

Rentals are for a minimum of two hours and include:

- Tables and chairs set to your specifications
- Access to refrigerator, freezer and ice machine
- Complimentary admission for guests to the Robinson Nature Center exhibits and trails

The time you need for your set-up and clean-up must be included in your room rental. Rooms are rented in one-hour increments.

*\* A refundable security deposit of \$200 is required for all rentals.*

## Packages\*

If you are interested in more than just a room rental for your birthday party, we offer birthday party packages.

Packages include:

- All of the amenities of a room rental (listed above), plus a program led by a staff naturalist. Programs last approximately 30 minutes unless otherwise noted.
- A complimentary half-hour prior to your party's start time to set-up. (Arrive at 9:30am to set up for 10am parties or at 1:30pm to set up for 2pm parties.)
- Invitations for 20 guests.
- Balloons, birthday banner and table coverings. (Please note, the balloons and banner are to remain in the room after the party.)

*\* A refundable security deposit of \$200 is required for all packages.*

## Rescheduling & Cancellations

**30 days or more prior to your party date:** You may reschedule your party one time with no penalty. If you choose to cancel, a refund of your party's cost minus a 20% administrative fee is issued.

**Less than 30 days prior to your party date:** Cancellations occurring less than one month prior to the party date are not eligible for refunds. If you choose to reschedule less than one month from the party date, only your security deposit is refunded; the party fee is not refundable after this time. Cancellations must be submitted in writing.

## Birthday Party "Add-Ons"

### Reptile Encounter

You may add a 15 minute reptile encounter to certain party packages for \$40. Your birthday boy/girl and his/her friends can touch and pose with one of our turtles or snakes while learning about what makes it so special!

Please note, this add on does not extend the time of the party, but adds an additional 15 minutes of program time to the naturalist-led portion of the party. Please note that rentals and Nature Puppet Theater parties are not eligible for this add-on.



### Party Favor Bags

Add \$100 to any birthday party package and we provide you with 20 party favor bags full of goodies from our nature gift shop. Each bag includes a number of items such as a large tumbled stone, a temporary tattoo, a sheet of stickers and a twig pencil. Items are subject to availability. Custom gift bags are available at an additional cost. Call 410-313-0400 for details.



## Robinson Nature Center

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## Hours Of Operation

Wednesday-Saturday..... 9am-5pm

Sunday..... Noon-5pm

## Daily General Admission

Adults ..... \$5

Children (3-17 years) ..... \$3

Children under 3 years ..... Free



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# Birthday Party Packages



## Scheduling Birthday Parties

Birthday parties are scheduled on the weekends during the following time slots.

Saturdays..... 10am-Noon or 2-4pm

Sundays ..... 2-4pm

*Birthday party packages are listed in age order. Looking for adult & teen options? Ask about our hike, full-dome movie and live animal programs!*

## Nature Puppet Theater

Your little one will be the star of the show in this fun-filled puppet adventure! Let your imagination run wild and watch as our animal puppets come to life! After the puppet show, we'll follow our puppet friends on a short walk along our trails or through our exhibits to learn about the real animals that live in and around the nature center. This party includes a short, live animal encounter.

**Ages:** 2 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Butterfly Bonanza

Each birthday is a big step in the life of your child. In this birthday program, children discover how butterflies and moths change in different stages of their lives. Each participant dons a pair of wings and takes a journey along our trails or through our exhibits.

**Ages:** 3 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Seasonal Nature Hike

Are you a lover of the outdoors? In this birthday program, you'll hike the trails with a naturalist and discover enchanting seasonal changes that happen each year during your birth month. Hunt for native trees and plants, discover the signs of animals that frequent the trails and encounter natural phenomena.

**Ages:** Appropriate for all ages

**Package cost:** \$325



## Frogs, Toads & Salamanders, Oh My!

Jump for joy with this birthday party program in which our amphibious friends – frogs, toads and salamanders – are highlighted. Through activities and games, you'll discover the amazing ability of these creatures and enjoy "hopping" challenges. This party includes a short, live animal encounter.

**Ages:** 3 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Woodland Fairies

Come explore the magic of nature! Learn about the plants, animals and amazing natural phenomena that make up a fairy's kingdom. Each participant "becomes" a fairy and journeys through Robinson Nature Center's exhibits or trails searching for signs that fairies, gnomes or other woodland creatures are nearby.

**Ages:** 3 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Full-Dome Movie Party

Ready to take your birthday party out of this world? This birthday program takes place in the NatureSphere planetarium. You and your friends will find yourselves immersed in a full-dome feature film experience.

With many films to choose from, you have options that include looking at the stars along with Big Bird and Elmo (*One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure*) and witnessing the birth of a black hole (*Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity*). Ask for a list of our full-dome feature films and pick the one that's best for you!

**Ages:** 3 years and up

**Package cost:** \$400



*Interested in party favor bags or a live animal encounter for parties that don't include one? Check out our "add-on" options on the back of this brochure.*

## Nature Through The Senses

In this birthday program, kids explore how different animals use their senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. They'll be challenged to discover how their own senses match up with sensory-oriented games and activities. Can they see as well as a hawk? Is their nose as sensitive as a bear's? This party is full of fun from the tip of the nose down to the toes and takes children outside (weather-permitting).

**Ages:** 5 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Amazing Animals

Can you breathe through your skin, climb a tree with no hands or carry your house on your back? Come discover the animals that can! Through exploration of animal mounts, fur, skulls and shells, get an up-close experience with animals and their amazing abilities. Along the way you'll get to meet live reptiles and amphibians.

**Ages:** 6 years and up

**Package cost:** \$325



## Ex-stream Encounters

*(Available seasonally from April-October)*

Love the water? Why not celebrate down by the river? This extended\* party option takes you and your guests down to the Middle Patuxent River to explore life in the stream and splash around! Guests can choose their level of participation; we recommend guests wear clothes and shoes they can get wet, and bring a towel and a change of shoes. In the event of rain, an hour-long indoor experience featuring stream and sea life encounters and fun activities will be substituted.

\*This party lasts 2 and ½ hours to allow time for guests to reach the river. The naturalist-led portion of the program lasts 1 hour and includes the hike to and from the river. Please note trails are unpaved.

**Ages:** 6 years and up

**Extended Package cost:** \$425

